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POST MORTEM.

On Tuesday, the election; on Wednesday, the explanation. The period of open confession has been eagerly greeted by Penusylvania Democrats. It is an interesting period, if not important. It helps to beguile the weary hours. It adds a dash of piquanev to the conventional post mortem Presumably, too, it consoles the explainers. Else why should they go at it so earnestly?

In the first place we are asked to listen to the hypothesis of Colonel Mc-Clure. The colonel is not politically happy these days. A shadow has fallen athwart his path. The shades of a distending rival beclouds his once happy And it grieves and mortifles grimage to the Bourbon Mecca. The colonel has not. The rival, since his return, maketh bold, if not actually haughty. He dippeth bis pen in vitriol and his sizzling proclamations leap forth we all know, constitutes a direct in-It is an act of trespass on his pre-aminent prerogative. It sends frowns to troubled soul. Stung, painel and smarting, the colonel explains the case in these brusque words: "The trouble with the Democrate is that the country is suffering from hard times, and as their representatives in power at Washington have done nothing for its relief, Democratic rule. That is the whole

Thus sayeth the colonel. But what of the commodore? What of the meteoric rival who has firsted into the midheavens with his double and triple leads and his fluming "paces" sword? Is he in less umbrage: Verily, he is is not in perceptibly better temper. blamed for acting like a pack of fools. The Republicans get stereotyped censure for stubbornly refusing to be prosperous under the operations of the Demperatic free trade langer. But these are mere minor things, in Commodors Singerly's opinion, compared with harmonized Pennsylvania Democracy's and let everything go." They "have squabbled among thems lyes" - and bless us, didn't the genial commodors himself have a fist in the shindy !- and have "attempted to meet the solid shot of the enemy with fireworks"-and with double leads. "But," adds the chagrined commodore, "there is still more striking evidence of Domogratic incapacity. The organ zation is rotten. It is a corps: that should be buried out of sight as quickly as possible, and the chairman of the Democratic state committee and the chairman of the Democratic city committee should act as pall bearers."

In these family obsequies, of course, Republicans have us great concern, except, perhaps, to supply the annual corpse. We refer to them simply to put two expert explanations in their mutual and separate light; and, incidentally to exile the inevitable monotony of the day after.

It is gratifying to know that the last cent of Governor McKinley's indebtedness, incorred throng; the nuwler extension of assistance to a friend, has been repaid. The governor, in his personal record as in his political one, stands squarely before the public, with no greater faults to applorize for than those of kindness and loyalty to his friends. While in one sanse these matters of private business do not form a concern of the public, the light which they shed upon a public servant's character puts them within the pale of a "privileged communication" and adds to the personal esteem, which Americans of all parties entertain for their next president.

IT WILL NOT DOWN.

There is a renewed and apparently a concerted effort among the Democratic newspapers just now to cajile the American people into a forgetfulness of the Hawaiian episode. In various portions of the country, among journals sufficiently in accord with the administration to conform without compunction with any policy it may choose to devise, the publication of the latest batch of official correspondence has evoked the snap-judgment cry: "Let Hawaii drop. The public is getting tired of that." Even ex-Minister Stevens so long the target of cuckoo abuse, is permitted to pass and re-pass unnoticed, in Democracy's frantic de sire to cover up its own disgraceful

blunder. Heaven knows that so far as THE TRIBUNE is concerned, and, as it believes, so far as concerns the great majority of intelligent American citizens, there is nothing in the American end of Hawaiian incident which would not fairness. willingly be forgotten, if by that means the perfidy of our course could be erased from history. But it is a matter which does not yield to volition. We cannot let it drop The question is up, and the question will stay up until the wrongs that we have | this state is its loss of 10,000 Philadelcommitted; until the shame that we phia votes through a failure to provide the errors of our executive, shall be righted before the Hawaiian people and in the sight of civilized mankind If it could be proved; or if, for argument's sake, we consent to accept it as

course yet present a creditable confriendship, for the secret stabbing of a barbarous sovereignty might be re-

The liberty-loving supporters of the Hawaiian provisional government have been treated to an exhibition of the worst phases of American diplomacy; and it is idle to expect this question to drop until, in sheer justice to the misrepresented American nation, they shall be enabled to see our diplom cy in a more respectable an l a more patriotic light.

Nor Loso ago Martin J. Russell, an editorial writer for the late Carter Harrison's Chicago Times, melodramatically resigned his position because the paper's Washington correspondent saw fit to criticize President Cleveland. The reward for this distinguished ex bibition of exquisite supersensitiveness has now come in the shape of an appointment as collector of the Chicago port. The position carries with it big pay and little work; and it will doubtess give Mr. Russell leisure in which to do sycophant literary censer-swinging before the "consecrated" executive touching whom he is so sympathetically fastidious. Mr. Clevel and him. It rankles and it stings. The exhibits one trait in bold relief. rie has gained steadily in the confidence of rival has lately returned from a pil- can stand unlimited journalistic taffying of Mr. Grover Cleveland.

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY.

While it is true in some senses that the personality of our initial military triumphant in double leads. This, as hero and civic executive no longer inspires emotions of ecstacy, a time will vasion of the colonal's pet preserves. never come when the sober thought of our people will reject the lessons of his unselfish life or cease to keep in mind his ferocious forch ead and wrath to his the sapient words of his prophetic counsel. The impartial analysis of contemporary historians has rated Washington, the man, somewhat below . the pinnacled place accorded to him in the early momentum of the young patriotic spirit. But it has not and it cannot after the meaning of Washington, the people are not voting to sustain the symbol and type, whose impersonal vissage, rising calm and wise about the frictions of his personal entity, recalls to us, at every step along all avenues of national development, the sacred memories of a heroic past and the solemn obligations of a serious present,

The criticism that probes mercilessly into the errors of a new experiment is not. His explanation is longer, but it captious and uncharitable. The continual wonder to students of our na-The people are duly, albeit politely tional birth is not that errors were made, but that, in the thick of immediate stress and trial, the clear eve of the central genius should have penetrated so far luto the misty vista of futurity, offering to remote generations in all departments of the federal govadvice as true now as ever. His caution with reference to the augmenting clash and bitterness of partisan politi-"incapable, in-fill-int and headstrong | cal strife is as significant today as at leadership." While Republicans were any past moment; nor can we predict "fighting for life," their Democratic that it may with safety soon be forgot opponents, although in clover in state ten by republicans in time to come. and nation "have simply laid down | Cost there shall be a nonniar demand that the business of legislation shall be term in the presidency. He has not discharged to business men; until the charged his obligations to the party. An honorable man is auxious to discharge hold of the demagogue shall be broken by a loftier patriotism; natil men sane in the routine transactions of commercial and social life shall decline to go insane over the quibbles and twists of partisan affectation, until serious and solemn civil duties shall be met in a solemn divid duties shall be met in a mand doesn't tend to confirm this statesober and sensible way, the masterly ment counsel of the foremost Father will not lose its meaning among freedom's heirs.

The observance in its rich suggestion, of this day among our young is a wholesome gain in the pulses of our civic life. Although it may in instances be that an honest zeal reaches further than wise discretion, shall we even momentarily doubt that the net result is for the best? Even at peril of occasional excess, it should be the uniform American wish to keep alive in undiminished splendor those grand traditions of our early days which are the inspiration of all our later achieve-We must do tuis if we hope to ulfill the grand career which is our bytons destiny as a people. And in the center of this pio seer record and egend there is one figure and one name about which all else naturally and gracefully clusters; the figure of a arge-souled man, serene in temper, thoughtful in speech, resolute in action and liberal in all the impulses of his nature: the figure and the name of General and President Washington, Let his natal day receive the thoughts of every true patriot.

GRAVESEND ADDERENTS Of BOSS MC-Kane are so little disposed to realize their idol's guilt that they tender him bouncing evations. The crime of ballot stuffing, in select Tammany circles, passes as a meritorious fine art.

ERASTUS WIMAN, the inventor of the syclone pniverizer, well known in Scranton, was committed to the Tombs yesterday on a charge of having forged notes on R. G. Dan & Co. to the amount of two hundred and twentynine thousand dollars. Mr. Wiman was a hustling citizen and a pleasant gentleman to meet, and made many friends in Scranton upon his visits to the Electric City. His misfortune is one of the forcible illustrations of the disaster that invariably follows figancial inflation.

It is unbountedly true that brains are not apportioned along strictly geographical lines. Nevertheless, Mr. Cleveland might have found just as good a justice north of the Mason and Dixon line; and such a selection would have reflected better upon his sense of

STOP THIS BRIBERY. One of the principal indictments drawn by Headsman Singerly against the 'incapable, inefficient and headstrong leadership" of Democracy in have been made the victims of, through | tax receipts for voters who do not pay their poll taxes. Mr. Cleveland's special apostle among the Pennsylva-nia faithful views this in the light of "a scandalous default."

We are frank to admit that we do having been already proved, that the not look at this subject through the bloodthiraty Liliuokalani's deposition same glass. If there are ten thousand was hastened through the intervention | legal voters in Philadelphia who do not of the American minister, Stevens, in care enough for Democratic principles his desire to expand the area of repub- to pay the small sum exacted as a pre-

lican government, would not that requisite to voting, we suspect that it would be a grievous waste of money trast with the course of his successor? and time to try to bribe them into vot-Would it not be more American, more ing. The fact that both parties are General Manager. humane, more in accord with the spirit equally guilty with respect to the payof our age to aid, by fair and open | ment of this tax does not excuse either means, in the evolution of a democracy nor afford justifiable reasons why Mr.

than to plot, behind masks of seeming | Singerly, in his widely circulated newspaper, should stand as the urgent democracy in order that a rotten and advocate of a practice that in all its intents and purposes is nothing more or less than outright political bribery.

One of the wholesome lessons asso ciated with the man whom today Americans take pause to honor, is his firm and prophetic objection to the unscrupulousness of intensified partisau strife. Yet here, in the boldest of fashion, upon the very eve of Washington's birthday, we have it remarked by the personal commissioner of George Washington's latest successor in the presidency, in substance if not in words, that the failure to bribe ten thousand Democratic citizens in Philadelphia by the wholesale pay ment of their individual obligations, constitutes a "scandalous default.

It is time to nail this mistaken view. That was certainly a queer circumstance in Norristown Tuesday when Republicans of the Eighth ward, through inability to get the official ballot changed, were compelled to vote for a man as justice of the peace who at the very moment of his election was lying at home dead. Such uncommon incidents, however, embody no indictment of the new ballot syst-m, which

THE NORWEGIAN exploring expedition announced to leave Christiana next May for polar seas would chieve just as much good for humanity and suffer infinitely less personal discomfort if it would get to a vast refrigerator and pack itself in cracked ice. The American section of this fantastic experiment should recommend this substitution on humanitarian principles.

the public.

IF THE HEROES of the confederacy had been wise in their day and generation, they could have spared several million gallons of good blood by just riding into power on a "consecrated reform" bluff. That is where their children could give them points.

TRYING TO put Scranton in a musty old rut wasn't to the predominant Scrantonian taste. And that's about all, in way of afterthought, there is to be said concerning those bridges. A PARTY WHICH is morally capable of

reviving the income tax in time of peace is thoroughly capable of solving its accumulating debt problem by the simple method of national repudiation. IT WILL evidently not be the Dama-

cratic party's fault if the states' rights idea does not get a solid footing again

HARRITY STILL has nothing to say Perhaps he is too busy thinking.

Mr Clev-land and His Party. The rank and file of the party worked

honorable obligations. One Strong Point in Rebuttal Chicago Dispatch.

> Where She Falls. She's pretty, with black eyes And curls of jet; She's graceful and a witching Gay coquette; She can sing a song divinely, But as yet She's been a dismal failure

As sonbrette-For above her head her toe She cannot get. - Washington News.

Not Worth His Efforts. Fhiladelphia Press.

Generalissimo Singerly will probably have to use a microscope hereafter to find enough of the Democratic party to practice his harmony experiment upon

Stamp Out the Assassing. Philodelphia Times.

Philodelphia Times.

Anarchy and civilization, like slavery and freedom, cannot exist side by side.

Civilization is worthy of preservation. Anarchy is only worthy of extermination-

> Case Against the Wilson Bill. Cleveland Leader.

If Jefferson Davis were alive and in congress he would vote for the Wilson bill. If Abraham Lincoln were alive and in congress he would vote against it.

> Hard to Please. When it's raining We're complaining-Bitter is our cup; When it's shining We are whining-Sure we're burning up: -Atlanta Constitution.

Fading Democratic Hopes, Santa Constitution (Dem.). Doubt, distrust and indignation have taken possession of all Democrats who are watching the course of events. Faternal Rule Quashed,

About the first thing that a wild young lawyer proceeds to do is to dissolve the injunctions of his father.

Evidence Not Yet All In. Chicago Dispatch. Mrs. Lease says she is a Mason. The goat ought to be given an opportunity to be heard in rebuttal,

Courage His Only Recommendation. Washington Post. The next Democratic nominee for governor of New York will undoubtedly be a brave man.

The Verdict of Pennsylvania. Philadelphia Press Down with the Wilson bill and all that pertains to it.

Front Proof.

When she and I a sleighing went, Though no foot warmer furnished heat, Her little toes were quite content, For my warm heart lay at her feet. A Critical Period.

Young Editor (reflectively)-If I. don't publish this poem Grace has written she will have nothing more to do with me. And if I do publish it I shall probably lose

Too Thick to Look Well. Chicago Tribune.

Maud-What a lovely complexion Laura has this evening! Irene—Superb, isn't it? But it looks as if it had been laid on with a trowel. Cannot Ke p It Stagnant.

The work of recovery is slow, but it has to come. It is not written in the book of fate that close as money may be, disastrone as financial revulsions are, mistaken and misdirected as legislation often is, any country blessed with redundant natural resources and population of marvelous energy shall perish of stagnation.

After the Ball. Twas given for charity's sake; Its brilliance excelled any other fete held.

But the only thing swelled (Not the fund—it is gone:
Are the heads they if have on When later these gay ones awake.

—Washington News.

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